

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lawrence J. McClure on 2/122/11

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 7-23 are cancelled.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach to one of ordinary skill in the art, in combination with the other limitations of the independent claim 1, a ceramic heater comprising a heat generating resistor wherein an angle of an edge of the heat generating resistor is 60° or less between the two sides of first and second elongate ceramic bodies, when viewed from the section perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the heat generating resistor.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hatanaka et al. (US5059768), Okazaki et al. (US5189280), Dasgupta et al. (US5304778), Noda et al. (US5753893 & US6169275), Miyata et al. (US6218648, US6236027, US6265700), Tanaka et al. (US6787741) and Suematsu et al. (US6084220) related to ceramic heater.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vinod D. Patel whose telephone number is (571)272-4785. The examiner can normally be reached on 7.15 A.M. TO 3.45 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tu B. Hoang can be reached on 571-272-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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